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I read in the paper where you said you did not understand why the students did not like you and why they looked mad at you. The first place they did not want you in their school on account of "Tradition". In the dictionary that says, "the delivery of opinions, doctrines, practices, rites, and customs, from father to son, or from ancestors to posterity; the transmission of any opinions or practice from forefathers to decedents by oral communication, without written memorials; an established family or racial custom". If you are a Junior in College you ought to understand that. It is not that the white people hate the

color, it is just the way it has been ever since the world was made. We want you to have good schools, homes and every thing you want, except to have it like the judges think is "with mixing". Now do you think it right that you go to this school, alone, far away from your Wife, now, were you not happier at the school with her? If it is to be equal, well the other students are not going to the school where you are, and you know it is inhumanly impossible for every one of them to go to this school, so, it is not equal. "Equal", is the same for every one, and it is not "Equal"

for you or the others for just a few to go & the others not to go.

Like riding the buses, used to every colored person sat together and looked happy. Now, they sit by the window on every seat & the white people have to sit or stand and they look at the color with hate & hard feelings. and the color says that they are paid to sit in the white section! Now, some one say you are paid a lot of money to go to the school there. and just look at all the money it is costing Uncle Sam. It is not Uncle Sam's money, but yours & mine & everyone's. Just like in Little Rock, millions of \$ and it is millions of \$ costing down there

right now. My grandchildren + yours
"if you are ever so lucky as to
have any," will be paying the
Taxes on it for the rest of their
lives. What money the Federal
spends is our money that we
have to pay. If they had taken
the money they spent down there
it sure would have built some
schools and fed and put shoes
on a lot of little colored
children. If it has to be spent,
there is where it is needed.
But no, it is gone now for ever.
Watch the paper and you will read
pretty soon, the exact amount of
money it is costing for the U. S.
to send troops. "That" is what

makes us Southerners so Mad, mad, mad!
and it ought to make the North
mad also, and is it all worth it?
Only you can answer "That." You
look like a good Cristian coloured
boy. I hope you are, for your ~~own~~ own
sake. Ask God to forgive you for
causing all this trouble, but guess
you did not know, but you
should have known about Little
Rock. Again, we do not hate the
color race, if it could only be like
it used to be. I had a coloured Nurse
once who helped me when I needed
her and she was a most wonderful
person. We all love God, but can not
see him. We like the color race because
they are human beings but it

does not make us like them
any more to associate with them.
Do you understand?

You could teach your race the
right from wrong, good from evil
and how to live a good life, it
is not all in the books, you
are color, was born that way,
(should be happy to be alive) just
like some are born blind, deaf & dumb
and just have to live with it, so
go back to your people and love
them and teach them what you
have learned. They will always be
colored but to be the best colored
people in the World.